





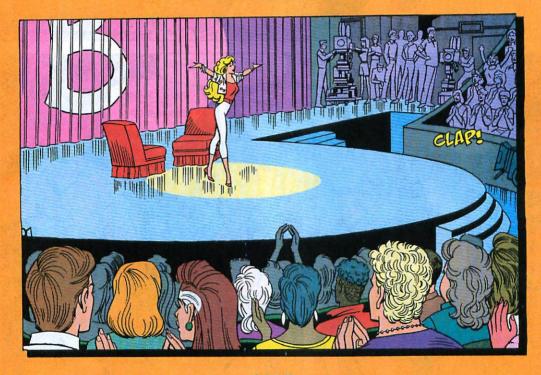






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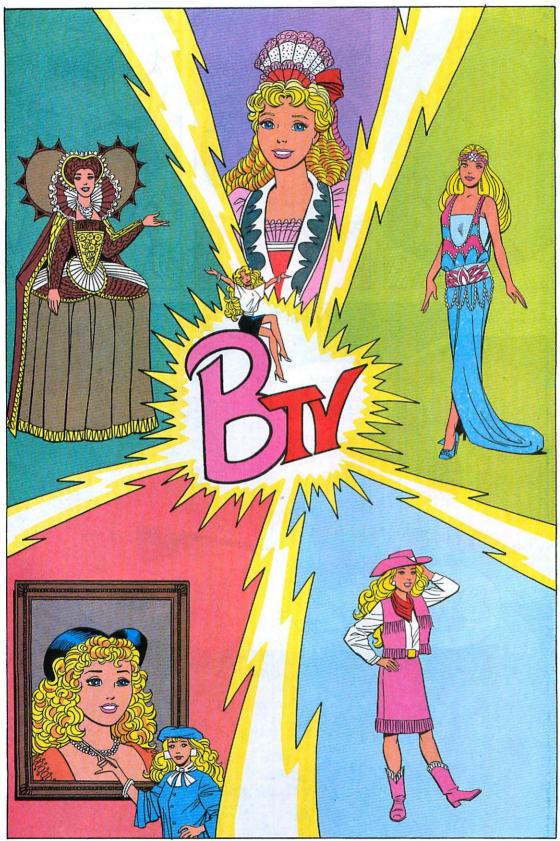
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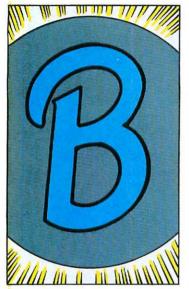
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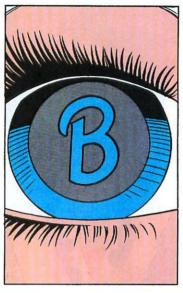
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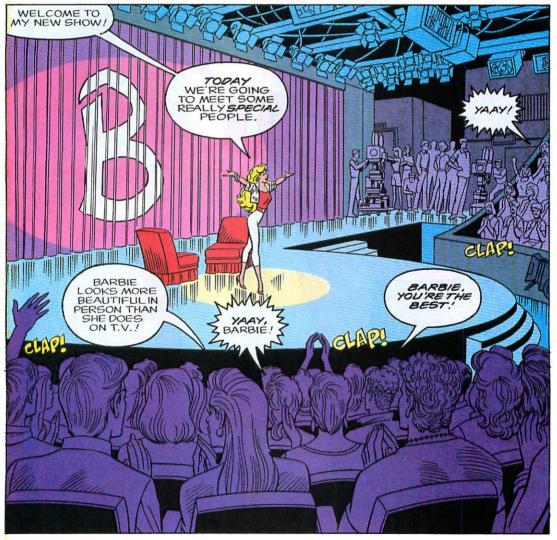












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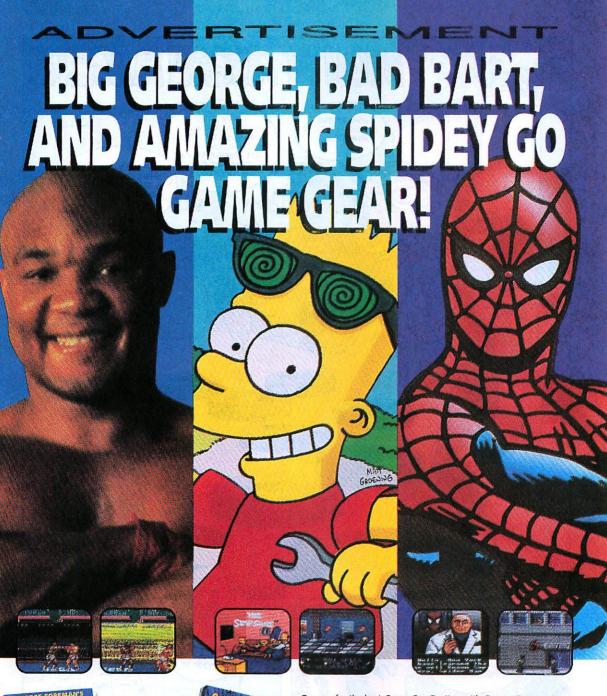
















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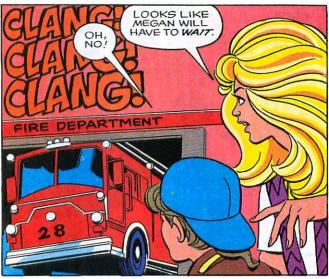






















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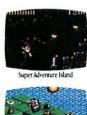






































































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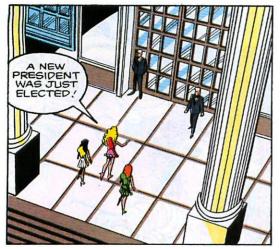


































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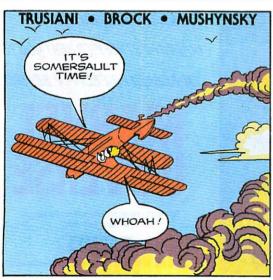
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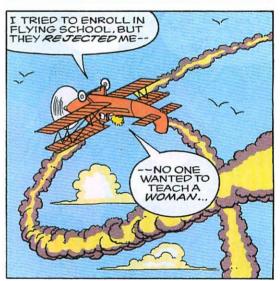


















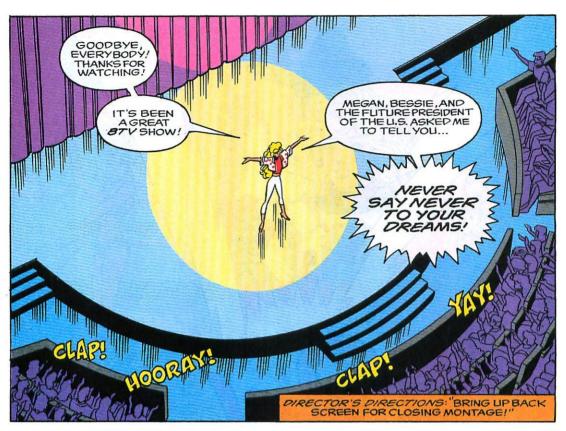






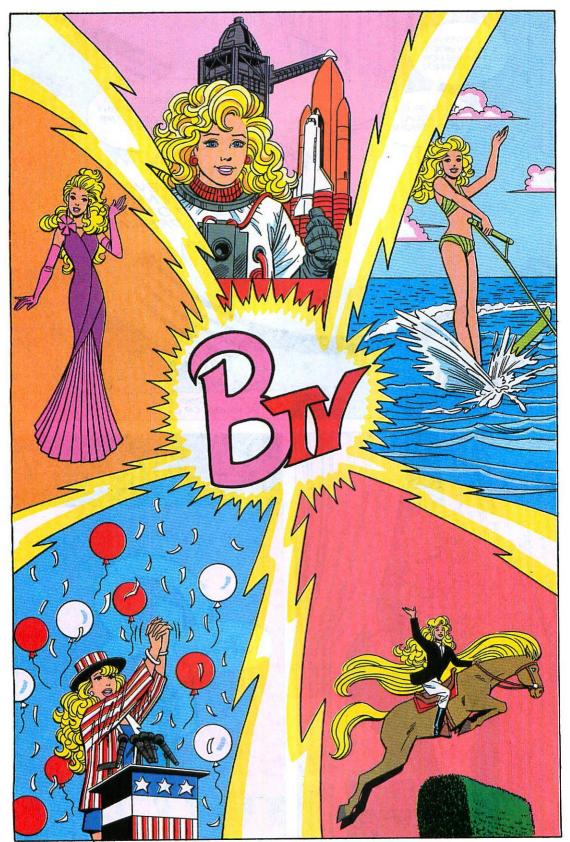


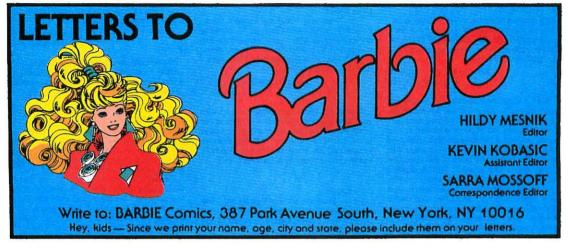












Dear BARBIE.

I have every one of your comics. I enjoy them very much. My name is Casey Bray and I am 8 years old. I live in Muldrow, Oklahoma. My best friend is Whitney Riggs. She likes your comics very much, roo. I have most of your dolls. I play with them all the time, and you are my favorite person on this Earth.

Casey Bray, age 8 Muldrow, OK

Hi, Casey! Hi, Whitney! Barbie's fans are some of *her* favorite people! Thank you for writing!

Dear BARBIE,

Your story "Planes, Trains, and Automobiles" reminded me of the film Canonball Run. I prerended I was, with the help of my sister and my girlfriend, one of the groups competing with you. We wore army suits and called ourselves "The Music Platoon."

We were disqualified because while we were having breakfast, our Instruments were stolen and we didn't have enough time and cash to buy new ones!

Too bad about Daisy's broken ankle and Donna's sore throat, but that's show biz, eh? It was very nice of you to stop and help the Gnarly Puppies after the way they mistreated you. I was really impressed with the way you sacrificed the vacation amusement park tickets for Davey and his parents. I love you, Barbie!

Roy Vicente Philippines

We bet The Music Platoon would have played some great music, Roy! You've got a great imagination! Thanks for writing and sharing your imaginings with us!

Dear BARBIE.

I love your comics. My favorite comic is the issue abour Barbie's memory book. I loved it so much that I made my own.

I have 15 Barbie comics. Barbie is the best model in the world. I was wondering how she can do different hairstyles. They are all amazing.

Alisha Collins, age 8 Pulaski, TN

We think it's terrific that you made your own memory book, Alisha! We hope many BARBIE readers will make their own memory book to keep their favorite memories alive — check out the letter below from Elizabeth Steele.

Yes, Barbie does have beautiful hair! We can thank all of the wonderful artists who draw Barbie every month — they have the imagination, tolent and skill to bring their wonderful creations to life in the pages of BARDIE!

Dear BARBIE.

I really liked your comic about your memory book! I have one of my own, too! I had a really neat day that I would like to share with you! It all started when my Aunty Louise took me and my sister to Marine World Africa, U.S.A.

At first the place didn't really excite me. Then, we walked over to where a lot of chairs were. It was like a baseball stadium. There was a pool in front of all of us. Then two huge black and white killer whales came and did tricks. Their names were Yacka and Vigga. Yadka's the oldest. She's 23 years old and Vigga is 12. Whales can live up to 50 to 75 years. After the whales, we saw bottlenose dolphins. Their names were Sadie, Bayou, Schooner, Chelsea, Stormy and her cub, Norman. We saw an aquarium that had lots of exotic fish! We saw birds such as macaws. There were tigers at Tiger Island. There was one riger that was very different from the others. It had an amazing black and white coat. It was strikingly beautiful. His name was Samson. He was gorgeous!

We took a lot of pictures and had a picnic in the park area. It was the best day! What memories!

> Elizabeth Steele, age 13 Madera, CA

Thanks for writing to us with that terrific memory, Elizabeth! We bet your memory book is full of exciting stories!

Dear BARBIE.

I'm Leann and I go to Agricola Elementary. I am 9 years old and I am in the third grade. I love reading Barbie books. I am a Barbie collector. I have two sisters and a nephew. I have 8 Barbies and a 1990 Happy Holldays Barbie, too!

Leann Thompson, age 9 Lucedar, MS

Thanks for writing, Leann!

Dear BARBIE

My husband is an avid comic book collector — a hobby I could not understand until he suggested that I start a collection of my own. Luckily for me, BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION were just hitting the newsstands.

Now I look forward to my new issues just like my husband, Glampiero. I read them from cover to cover. Barble is a wonderful role model. I am saving my issues so that one day when I have a little girl of my own I can read them to her!!! Thank you for the opportunity to know and love Barbie better.

Evelyn Corsi, age 29 Alhambra, CA

You're very welcome, Evelyn! We are happy to hear that you and your husband can share a hobby—and happy that BARBIE can be part of it!

Dear BARBIE,

Hil My name is Shannon. I have over 20 Barbies. I am 7 1/2. I have red halr and blue eyes. I love Barbie and Ken dolls because they are pretty and handsome. I like your blande hair, Barbie!

Shannon McCormick, age 7 1/2 Jacksonville, FL 32225

We like your red hair, Shannon! Thanks for your letter!

Dear BARBIE Comics,

My name is Amber. I am 24 years old and Hove your magazine. I have been collecting Barble dolls since I was 12 years old. I have every Barble and Ken doll that the Mattel toy company has manufactured in the last 13 years, including cars, clothes, a horse, house, hor tub, and the new Power Wheels Corvette!

I also have every issue of your comic book. I start my day off by brushing my teeth with the Barbie toothbrush, and I drink my morning coffee out of my Barbie mug! Barbie is not just a collectible to me — Barbie is a big part of my life! And your comic book helps me keep in touch with her!

Amber Herald, age 24 Tampa, FL

Wow, Amber, you really do love Barbie! Thanks for writing to us — it's a pleasure to share the Barbie magic with Barbie fans of all ages!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Bernadette. I am 10 years old. I like reading your comics. I might order a subscription to BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION. Can you please send me some comics? Will you please write back?

Bernadette Virgil, age 10 Albuquerque, NM

We're sory, Bemadette, but we're not able to send you any comics! We make the comics here, but they are printed and sold in other places. But as you mentioned in your letter, you can subscribe to both BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION — and it's really easy. Just fill out the form in the back of this issue (be sure to check with an adult, first!) and you'll receive your comics at home, every month!

Also, we love to read your letters and print as many as we can. But we can't write back to every reader who sends a letter—there are just too many! We wouldn't have time to work on the comics! But please keep writing to us—and reading your letters here!

Dear BARBIE,

Hello. My name is Jessica. I am 10 years old. I like Barbie dolls a lor. I have 5 Barbie dolls and 1 Ken doll. I wish I had more BARBIE comics to read. I love the clothes you wear. I wish I had some like them.

Jessica Mahosky, age 10 Wellsboro, PA

We extend a big thank you to our artists who bring Barbie and her fabulous fashions to life every month in these pages! And a big thanks to you, Jessica, for writing!

Dear BARBIE Comics,

My name is Monica and I am 11 years old. I love Barbles. My fifend comes over ro my house just to read my new comics. My dad works at Mattel where they make Barbles and he gets lots of stuff for me. My reacher at school said there really was a girl with long blonde hair named Barble, and that's how they got the idea. I like to play with Barble dolls even though I am 11. My little brother likes playing Barbles with me, he is always Ken. Well, I have to go now.

Monica Amigleo, age 11 Norwalk, CA

Anyone, of any age, can enjoy playing with and collecting Barbies, Monical Check out the letters here from Barbie fans of all ages.

We'll never know for sure how Mattel came up with the idea for Barbie dolls, but your teacher's story is nice!

Dear BARBIE,

I really enjoy your comic book. I have to thank my aunt and uncle for getting me started. My name is Hannah and I live in Woodstock, Virginia. I got the comic book that I recently read at the grocery store. I have one sister and one brother. I hope I can get more of your comic books. I have a lot of Barbies, and Wedding Day Midge and Alan. I hope I can get some of the other ones.

Hannah Bowers, age 10 Woodstock, VA

How nice of your aunt and uncle to get you your first BARBIE comics, Hannah!

Dear BARBIE.

I am 9 years old and my name is Sheila Partice Branch. Hive in Chicago, Illinois. Hike all your comics. When your cartoons used to come on T.V. I watched them every day. I wish I had clothes like yours and Skipper's. I also wish I had hair like yours.

Sheila Patrice Branch, age 9 Chicago, IL

Thanks for sending a picture along with your letter, Sheilal (We'd like to remind our readers that we can't return things you send to us, so please don't send things that are important!) We know Barbie has nice hair, but we know your hair is beautiful, too!

Dear BARBIE,

HII I'm Shannon and I'm 9 years old. I like to read BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comic books. I would like to see a story about Midge and Alan sometime.

I collect Barbie dolls and Barbie trading cards. I have over 80 Barbie dolls and over 200 Barbie trading cards.

> Shannon Braidwood, age 9 Cambridge, OH

We'll pass your suggestion on to our writers, Shannon! Thanks!

Dear BARBIE,

I have lots of BARBIE comics. I am not a comic collector, but. . . I sure wish I was! I think Barbies are fabulous. I got my first Barbie when I was 2.

Sarah T. Al-Hemli, age 9 Dammam, Saudi Arabia

Anyone can be a comic collector, Sarah — and if you're collecting BARBIE, then you're a comic collector, too!

Dear BARBIE,

I am one of your biggest fans. I have 24 Barbie dolls and I collect BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics. I am 10 years old and I am in grade 5. My teacher is Mr. Groh.

> Sarah Wheatley, age 10 Victoria, Australia

Thanks for writing, Sarah! It's fun to get a letter from halfway around the world! Check out where our next letter comes from!

Dear Barbie,

Hi. My name is Tonia and I'm 9 years old. I have been collecting Barbie stuff for five years. I have 41 Barbies and 2 Kens.

> Tonia Johnson, age 9 Detroit Lakes, MN

Hi, Tonial Sounds like you love Barble!

Dear BARBIE,

Hove your comic books. Thave 7 of them. I have lots of Barbie stuff.

Kimberly King, age 9 Kingsport, TN

Thanks for writing, Kimberly!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Beth Faw. I am in the first grade. I just started collecting comics yester-

day. I want to ask you a question. When did you start making comic books?

Beth Faw, age 6 Raleigh, NC

Good question, Beth! The first BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics came out in January, 1991, and they've been a big success ever since!

Dear BARBIE,

Thave 10 issues of your comic. I have 6 issues of BARBIE, and 4 issues of BARBIE FASH-ION. I like them all. I also have a lot of Barbie things such as Barbie dolls, Nintendo Barbie game, toys and clothes.

BARBIE'S target audience is, obviously, young girls. Your comic, as well as other forms of arr, literature and entertainment that they will encounter, will play a part in shaping their perceptions of the opportunities that lie ahead for them and the heights to which they can aspire. Barbie will become a role madel for many girls in their most formative years. With that in mind, I was proud to see your "Career Quest" features, then disappointed.

In several issues, the career revolved solely around fashion. As one of three owners of an all women-owned comics store, and as a concerned human being, I am writing to urge you to show these young girls that their career opportunities are endless. Show them astronauts, doctors, scientists, sports teams, business women — in fact, why shouldn't Barbie consider the Presidency? You have an opportunity to make a difference in a young girl's life. Please use this forum to show young women that their opportunities in life are bounded only by their talent, determination and hard work.

Rebecca Wattam Pacific, WA

Thank you for a thoughtful letter, Rebecca, you've made some very good points. We hope you've enjoyed this issue of BARBIE which featured a lady pilot, a female fire fighter, and a woman president! The writers of BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION strive to portray Barbie and her friends in positive stories that will inspire our young readers to pursue their dream careers — whatever direction they may choose!

The next letter should make you smile!

Dear BARBIE Comics,

I'm writing this letter to say how much I love Barbie dolls, and BARBIE and BARBIE FASHION comics. You do a great job! I have about 50 Barbie dolls and 6 comic books. My favorite story is "You Can Do It," because you can do anything if you set your mind to it.

Maureen Saxton, age 9 Warrenville, IL

How true, Maureen! A great attitude like that is sure to bring you much success in life!

Dear BARBIE,

My name is Monica. I really enjoy your comic books. The first issue that I bought, I read all the way through without stopping. I really, really enjoyed it. And I'm ready to read the next issue.

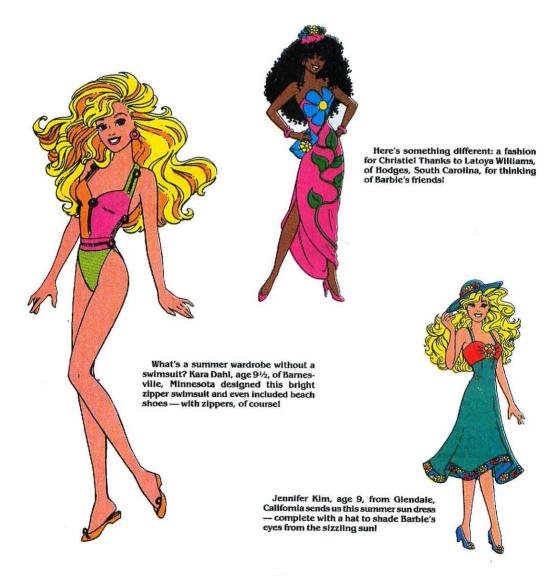
Monica Johnson, age 12 Scotland Neck, NC

We'll hurry up and get that next issue right to you, Monica! And a new one to follow every month!

Barbie

Summer Fun in the Sun!

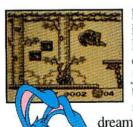
Barbie and her friends will keep cool and look great in these hot designs, sent to us by you, the BARBIE READERS! If you have any designs for Barbie, be sure to send them to us at BARBIE Comics, 387 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10016. (Sorry, but all material becomes the property of Marvel, and cannot be returned!)



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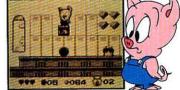
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